

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A copyright management apparatus ~~used for a copyrighted-work distribution-and-receiving system in which a distribution facility-side generates copyrighted works and distributes the copyrighted works through a given transmission path, and to a receiving side-facility that pays a receiving fee for the copyrighted works, said receiving facility being geographically remote from said distribution facility,~~ comprising:

copyright information storage means at the distribution facility ~~-side~~ for storing copyright information related to the copyrighted works, said copyright information including the identities of the copyrighted works, the identities of the owners of the copyrights for the copyrighted works and data related to the costs for downloading the copyrighted works at said receiving facility ~~-side;~~

receiving means at the distribution facility ~~-side~~ for receiving downloading information, sent from the receiving facility ~~-side~~, said downloading information identifying selected copyrighted works distributed from the distribution facility ~~side~~ and downloaded at said receiving facility ~~-side~~, indicating that said receiving facility's ~~-side's~~ downloading of said selected copyrighted works was authorized and indicating that an accounting has occurred for said receiving facility's ~~-side's~~ payment for said downloading; and

copyright management means at the distribution facility ~~-side~~ for performing copyright management related to the copyright for each selected copyrighted work in response to said downloading information and based upon said downloading information and the copyright information, said copyright

management including calculating a copyright payment due each owner of the copyrights for the selected copyrighted works.

2. (previously presented) A copyright management apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said copyright information storage means further stores

program identification information, said program identification information including the identity of a television program featuring broadcasted copyrighted works transmitted from said distribution side, the identities of said broadcasted copyrighted works, a broadcasting time for said television program and the identities of channels on which said broadcasted copyrighted works are transmitted, and wherein said copyright management means also performs said copyright management based upon said program identification information.

3. (currently amended) A copyright management apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said copyright management means searches the program identification information to obtain the identities of said broadcasted copyrighted works, refers to the copyright information using said identities to obtain the identities of the owners of the copyrights for the selected copyrighted works and data related to the costs for downloading the selected copyrighted works at said receiving facility ~~side~~ and calculates a copyright fee to be paid to said owners.

4. (currently amended) A copyright management apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the downloading information is sent from the receiving facility ~~side~~ through a predetermined customer management center.

5. (currently amended) A copyright management apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein the customer management center calculates a fee to be paid by a customer at the receiving facility ~~side~~ on the basis of said downloading information sent from the receiving facility ~~side~~.

6. (currently amended) A copyright management apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said receiving means also receives customer information related to a customer at the receiving facility-side.

7. (previously presented) A copyright management apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the copyrighted works are enciphered and distributed to said receiving side.

8. (original) A copyright management apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the given transmission path is a spatial transmission path in digital satellite broadcasting.

9. (previously presented) A copyright management apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the copyrighted works include digitized musical pieces.

10. (currently amended) A copyrighted-work distribution apparatus ~~used for~~ a copyrighted-work distribution-and-receiving system in which a distribution facility ~~—side—~~ generates copyrighted works and distributes the copyrighted works through a given transmission path to, and a receiving facility that ~~side—~~ pays a receiving fee for the copyrighted works, said receiving facility being geographically remote from said distribution facility, comprising:

distribution means at the distribution facility ~~—side~~ for distributing a plurality of copyrighted works through the transmission path;

copyright information storage means at the distribution facility ~~—side—~~ for storing copyright information related to the copyrighted works, said copyright information including the identities of the copyrighted works, the identities of the owners of the copyrights for the copyrighted works and data related to the costs for downloading the copyrighted works at said receiving facility-side;

receiving means at the distribution facility ~~—side—~~ for receiving downloading information, sent from the receiving

facility-side, said downloading information identifying selected copyrighted works distributed from said distribution means and downloaded at said receiving facility-side, indicating that said receiving facility's ~~—side's—~~ downloading of said selected copyrighted works was authorized and indicating that an accounting has occurred for said receiving facility's ~~—side's~~ payment for said downloading; and

copyright management means at the distribution facility ~~—side—~~ for performing copyright management related to the copyright for each selected copyrighted work in response to said downloading information and based upon said downloading information and the copyright information, said copyright management including calculating a copyright payment due each owner of the copyrights for the selected copyrighted works.

11. (previously presented) A copyrighted-work distribution apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said copyright information storage means further stores

program identification information, said program identification information including the identity of a television program featuring broadcasted copyrighted works transmitted from said distribution means, the identities of said broadcasted copyrighted works, a broadcasting time for said television program and the identities of channels on which said broadcasted copyrighted works are transmitted, and wherein said copyright management means also performs said copyright management based upon said program identification information.

12. (currently amended) A copyrighted-work distribution apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said copyright management means searches the program identification information to obtain the identities of said broadcasted copyrighted works, refers to the copyright information using said identities to obtain the identities of the owners of the copyrights for the selected copyrighted works and data related to the costs for

downloading the selected copyrighted works at said receiving facility ~~side~~ and calculates a copyright fee to be paid to said owners.

13. (currently amended) A copyrighted-work distribution apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein the downloading information is sent from the receiving facility ~~side~~ through a predetermined customer management center.

14. (currently amended) A copyrighted-work distribution apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the customer management center calculates a fee to be paid by a customer at the receiving facility ~~side~~ on the basis of said downloading information sent from the receiving facility ~~side~~.

15. (currently amended) A copyrighted-work distribution apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said receiving means also receives customer information related to a customer at the receiving facility ~~side~~.

16. (currently amended) A copyrighted-work distribution apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein the copyrighted works are enciphered and distributed to said receiving facility ~~side~~.

17. (original) A copyrighted-work distribution apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein the given transmission path is a spatial transmission path in digital satellite broadcasting.

18. (previously presented) A copyrighted-work distribution apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein the copyrighted works include digitized musical pieces.

19. (currently amended) A copyrighted-work distribution-and-receiving system in which a distribution facility ~~side~~ generates copyrighted works and distributes the copyrighted works through a given transmission path to ~~and~~ a receiving facility ~~that~~ ~~side~~ pays a receiving fee for the copyrighted works, said receiving facility being geographically remote from said distribution facility, comprising:

distribution means at the distribution ~~side~~facility for distributing a plurality of copyrighted works through the transmission path;

copyright information storage means at the distribution ~~side~~facility for storing copyright information related to the copyrighted works, said copyright information including the identities of the copyrighted works, the identities of the owners of the copyrights for the copyrighted works and data related to the costs for downloading the copyrighted works at said receiving ~~side~~facility;

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a receiving-~~side~~facility apparatus at the receiving ~~side~~facility for receiving the copyrighted works distributed from said distribution means and for sending downloading information, said downloading information identifying selected copyrighted works distributed from said distribution means and downloaded at said receiving ~~side~~facility, indicating that said receiving facility's ~~side's~~ downloading of said selected copyrighted works was authorized and indicating that an accounting has occurred for said receiving facility's ~~side's~~ payment for said downloading;

receiving means at the distribution ~~side~~facility for receiving said downloading information from said receiving-~~side~~facility apparatus; and

copyright management means at the distribution ~~side~~facility for performing copyright management related to the copyright for each selected copyrighted work in response to said downloading information and based upon said downloading information and the copyright information, said copyright management including calculating a copyright payment due each owner of the copyrights for the selected copyrighted works.

20. (previously presented) A copyrighted-work distribution-and-receiving system according to Claim 19, wherein said copyright information storage means further stores

program identification information, said program identification information including the identity of a television program featuring broadcasted copyrighted works transmitted from said distribution means, the identities of said broadcasted copyrighted works, a broadcasting time for said television program and the identities of channels on which said broadcasted copyrighted works are transmitted, and wherein said copyright management means also performs said copyright management based upon said program identification information.

21. (currently amended) A copyrighted-work distribution-and-receiving system according to Claim 20, wherein said copyright management means searches the program identification information to obtain the identities of said broadcasted copyrighted works, refers to the copyright information using said identities to obtain the identities of the owners of the copyrights for the selected copyrighted works and data related to the costs for downloading the selected copyrighted works at said receiving ~~side~~facility and calculates a copyright fee to be paid to said owners.

22. (currently amended) A copyrighted-work distribution-and-receiving system according to Claim 19, wherein the downloading information is sent from the receiving ~~side~~facility through a predetermined customer management center.

23. (currently amended) A copyrighted-work distribution-and-receiving system according to Claim 22, wherein the customer management center calculates a fee to be paid by a customer at the receiving ~~side~~facility on the basis of said downloading information sent from the receiving ~~side~~facility.


24. (currently amended) A copyrighted-work distribution-and-receiving system according to Claim 19, wherein said receiving means also receives customer information related to a customer at the receiving ~~side~~facility.

25. (currently amended) A copyrighted-work distribution-and-receiving system according to Claim 19, wherein the distribution means enciphers and distributes the copyrighted works to said receiving ~~side~~facility.

26. (original) A copyrighted-work distribution-and-receiving system according to Claim 19, wherein the given transmission path is a spatial transmission path in digital satellite broadcasting.

27. (previously presented) A copyrighted-work distribution-and-receiving system according to Claim 19, wherein the copyrighted works include digitized musical pieces.

28. (currently amended) A system for distributing copyrighted works and managing payments owed as a result of the distributing to the owners of the copyrights in the copyrighted works, said system comprising:

 a server located at a distribution facility adapted to serve said copyrighted works through a first transmission system to a receiving facility geographically remote from said distribution facility;

a communication interface at said distribution facility adapted to receive through a second transmission system downloading information, said downloading information identifying selected copyrighted works downloaded by said receiving facility, indicating that said receiving facility's downloading of said selected copyrighted works was authorized and indicating that an accounting has occurred for said receiving facility's payment for said downloading;

a memory associated with said server adapted to store copyright information corresponding to each of said copyrighted works, said information providing the identity of the copyrighted work, the identity of the owner of the copyright for the copyrighted work and data relating to the cost for downloading the copyrighted work by said receiving facility;

a processor associated with said server, in communication with said memory and said communication interface, adapted to calculate, in response to said downloading information and on the basis of said downloading information and said copyright information, a copyright payment due each owner of the copyrights for the selected copyrighted works.

29. (previously presented) A system as in claim 28, wherein said first transmission system and said second transmission system comprise the same transmission system.

30. (previously presented) A system as in claim 28, wherein said first transmission system comprises a satellite broadcasting system and said second transmission system comprises the public switched telephone network.

31. (previously presented) A system as in claim 28, wherein said copyright information further provides a copyright fee ratio.

32. (previously presented) A system as in claim 28, further comprising a server adapted to serve a television program through said first transmission system to said receiving facility, said television program including excerpts of said copyrighted works.

33. (previously presented) A system as in claim 32, further comprising a server adapted to serve graphical data through said first transmission system to said receiving facility, said graphical data being displayed by said receiving facility during said television program for use in selecting said selected copyrighted works.

34. (previously presented) A system as in claim 32, wherein said memory is further adapted to store additional information corresponding to said television program, said additional information providing the identity of said copyrighted works, the identity of said television program and

the identity of transmission channels transmitting said copyrighted works to said receiving facility.

35. (previously presented) A system as in claim 34, wherein said processor is adapted to use said additional information to calculate said payment.

36. (previously presented) A system as in claim 28, wherein said second transmission system comprises a customer management center for receiving data from said receiving facility corresponding to the purchase of said selected copyrighted works and for transmitting said downloading information to said communication interface.

37. (previously presented) A system as in claim 28, wherein said copyrighted works are musical works.

38. (previously presented) A system as in claim 28, wherein said selected copyrighted works are decrypted by said receiving facility.

39. (previously presented) A system as in claim 28, wherein said processor is further adapted to store data identifying said copyright payment in said memory.

40. (currently amended) A method for distributing copyrighted works and managing payments owed as a result of the distributing to the owners of the copyrights in the copyrighted works, said method comprising:

serving from a server located at a distribution facility said copyrighted works through a first transmission system to a receiving facility geographically remote from said distribution facility;

receiving at a communication interface at said distribution facility through a second transmission system downloading information, said downloading information identifying selected copyrighted works downloaded by said receiving facility, indicating that said receiving facility's downloading of said selected copyrighted works was authorized

and indicating that an accounting has occurred for said receiving facility's payment for said downloading;

storing in a memory associated with said server copyright information corresponding to each of said copyrighted works, said information providing the identity of the copyrighted work, the identity of the owner of the copyright for the copyrighted work and data relating to the cost for downloading the copyrighted work by said receiving facility;

calculating with a processor associated with said server, in communication with said memory and said communication interface, in response to said downloading information and on the basis of said downloading information and said copyright information, a copyright payment due each owner of the copyrights for the selected copyrighted works.

41. (previously presented) A method as in claim 40, wherein said first transmission system and said second transmission system comprise the same transmission system.

42. (previously presented) A method as in claim 40, wherein said first transmission system comprises a satellite broadcasting system and said second transmission system comprises the public switched telephone network.

43. (previously presented) A method as in claim 40, wherein said copyright information further provides a copyright fee ratio.

44. (previously presented) A method as in claim 40, further comprising serving from a server a television program through said first transmission system to said receiving facility, said television program including excerpts of said copyrighted works.

45. (previously presented) A method as in claim 44, further comprising serving from a server graphical data through said first transmission system to said receiving facility, said graphical data being displayed by said receiving facility during

said television program for use in selecting said selected copyrighted works.

46. (previously presented) A method as in claim 44, further comprising storing in said memory additional information corresponding to said television program, said additional information providing the identity of said copyrighted works, the identity of said television program and the identity of transmission channels transmitting said copyrighted works to said receiving facility.

47. (previously presented) A method as in claim 46, further comprising calculating with said processor said payment using said additional information.

48. (previously presented) A method as in claim 40, wherein said second transmission system comprises a customer management center for receiving data from said receiving facility corresponding to the purchase of said selected copyrighted works and further comprising transmitting said downloading information to said communication interface from said customer management center.

49. (previously presented) A method as in claim 40, wherein said copyrighted works are musical works.

50. (previously presented) A method as in claim 40, further comprising decrypting said selected copyrighted works from said receiving facility.

51. (previously presented) A method as in claim 40, further comprising storing data identifying said copyright payment in said memory.